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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A surf-action game comprising:
an inclined ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said ride surface, said nozzle being sized
and configured to receive a flow of water from a source and to inject said water as a sheet
flow upward onto said ride surface; and
one or more toy surf-action figures adapted to ride and/or perform water
skimming maneuvers upon said sheet flow of water and wherein at least one of said toy
surf action figures comprises a control mechanism comprising a movable weight or
magnet adapted to enable a play participant to actively control the location and/or
orientation of the surf action figure in relation to the injected sheet flow.
2. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said inclined surface is
bounded by side walls having a height above the ride surface sufficient to substantially contain
the sheet flow of water thereon.
3. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said inclined surface is
substantially containerless and without side walls.
4. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1, wherein the inclined surface has side
edges and wherein drains, grates and/or channels are provided adjacent said side edges for
allowing water to drain from the ride surface.
5. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one nozzle
comprises an elongated nozzle or series of nozzles extending substantially the width of said ride
surface.
6. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one nozzle
comprises a plurality of nozzles spaced throughout the ride surface.
7. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 further comprising a reservoir for
containing a body of water at a desired height and an opening at the base thereof forming said
nozzle.

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8. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 7 wherein said reservoir is connected to said source of water.

9. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said source of water comprises a recirculating pump.

10. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 5 wherein said source of water comprises a garden hose.

11. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 further comprising a grate or net on or adjacent the base portion of the ride surface.

12. (Previously presented) The surf action game of Claim 11 further comprising a recovery pool disposed substantially under said grate or net.

13. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 12 wherein said source of water comprises a garden hose.

14. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein said at least one of said toy surf action figures comprises a miniature molded human figure in a surfing pose.

15. (Original) The surf action game of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said toy surf action figures comprise a molded figure mounted on a miniature surf board.

16-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) A surf-action game comprising:

a ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said lower base portion of said ride surface, said nozzle being sized and configured to provide a flow of water upward onto said ride surface; and

one or more surf-action figures supported by said ride surface and/or said flow of water, said one or more surf-action figures being sized and configured to ride and/or perform simulated water skimming maneuvers upon said flow of water and wherein at least one of said surf action figures comprises a control mechanism comprising a movable weight adapted to enable a play participant to control the location and/or orientation of the surf action figure in relation to the flow of water.

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42. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said ride surface is bounded by side walls having a height sufficient to substantially contain the flow of water thereon.

43. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said ride surface is substantially containerless and without side walls.

44. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 43 wherein the ride surface has side edges and wherein drains, grates and/or channels are provided adjacent said side edges for allowing water to drain from the ride surface.

45. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises an elongated nozzle or series of nozzles extending substantially the width of said ride surface.

46. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one nozzle comprises a plurality of nozzles spaced throughout the ride surface.

47. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said at least one of said surf action figures comprises a miniature molded human figure in a surfing pose.

48. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein at least one of said surf action figures comprise a molded figure mounted on a miniature surf board.

49. (Previously Presented) A surf-action game comprising:
a ride surface having a lower base portion and an upper ridge portion;
at least one nozzle disposed at or near said lower base portion of said ride surface, said nozzle being sized and configured to provide a flow of water upward onto said ride surface; and
one or more surf-action figures supported by said ride surface and/or said flow of water, said one or more surf-action figures being sized and configured to ride and/or perform simulated water skimming maneuvers upon said flow of water and wherein at least one of said surf action figures comprises a control mechanism comprising a magnet adapted to enable a play participant to control the location and/or orientation of the surf action figure in relation to the flow of water.

50. (Cancelled).

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51. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said control mechanism further comprises a magnet.

52. (Previously Presented) The surf action game of Claim 41 wherein said control mechanism further comprises a radio controlled transmitter and receiver/actuator.